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In the Matter of the)

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Section 63.71 Application of WorldCom, Inc.)
on behalf of its subsidiaries,)
WorldCom Wireless, Inc. and MCI Wireless, Inc.)FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WTB/CPD File No. _____

For Authority Pursuant to Section 214)
of the Communications Act of 1934,)
as Amended, to Partially Discontinue)
the Provision of Wireless Service)**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION**

WorldCom Inc. (WorldCom), on behalf of its subsidiaries, WorldCom Wireless, Inc. and MCI Wireless, Inc., hereby seeks authorization pursuant to section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to initiate a partial discontinuance, effective on or about September 2, 2002, of WorldCom's offering of resold wireless services carried on the AT&T Wireless Network to certain wireless resale customers.¹ WorldCom expects shortly to supplement this application with additional requests for authorization to address customers whose service is carried on the networks of other facilities-based CMRS providers.

With respect to the services to be discontinued, WorldCom Wireless and MCI Wireless are considered non-dominant subsidiaries of WorldCom, a non-dominant provider of competitive telecommunications services. Currently, WorldCom provides resold wireless services to

¹ Under the Commission's rules, commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers are not required to seek authority to discontinue service. 47 C.F.R. §20.15(b)(3). Thus, WorldCom files this application both out of an

approximately 655,234 customers in 27 states, utilizing the facilities of AT&T Wireless, Inc. WorldCom will be transferring a portion of this subscriber base to the underlying CMRS provider, AT&T Wireless. WorldCom will be discontinuing service to the remaining subscribers.² The decision to exit the wireless communications services business will not impact any other service that these or any other customers currently receive from WorldCom, MCI or any of our other affiliates.

WorldCom requests authority to discontinue resold wireless service to certain customers in the following markets: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Louisiana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, and Washington.

WorldCom is in the process of exiting the business of providing wireless communication services. As a result, WorldCom will not be able to provide wireless service carried on the AT&T Wireless Network to customers after September 2, 2002. Substitute services are available from other CMRS providers, as well as AT&T Wireless, in the relevant regions. Thus, the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of resold wireless service in these states.

Coincident with the filing of this application, customers have been sent notification of intent to discontinue service, the text of which is attached as Attachments 1 and 2. WorldCom will also provide customers with a toll-free customer assistance number for purposes of addressing any questions or concerns that may arise during the withdrawal transition period.

overabundance of caution, and to give our customers substantially greater notice than is required by the Commission's rules.

A copy of this application has been submitted to the Secretary of Defense and the Public Utility Commission and Governor of each state in which the discontinuance is proposed.

In support of this Application, WorldCom hereby provides the following information as required under section 63.71(a):

1. Name and Address of Carrier:

WorldCom, Inc.
1133 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance:

September 2, 2002

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected:

Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Louisiana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, and Washington

4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected:

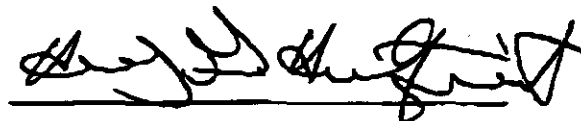
Wireless Resale

² Approximately 500,000 customers will be seamlessly transferred to the AT&T Wireless Network. About 125,000 customers will be given notification that WorldCom is discontinuing their service. These customers will be given at least 31 days in which to find another wireless provider.

For the foregoing reasons, WorldCom, Inc., on behalf of its wireless subsidiaries, WorldCom Wireless, Inc. and MCI Wireless, Inc., respectfully requests, pursuant to section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214 and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, that the Commission approve this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

WORLDCOM, INC.



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Dated: July 29, 2002

Attachment 1: No Handset Change Required

{Bill To Name}
{Attention}
{Billing Address}
{City} {State} {Zip}
{barcode}

Date
Account Number {xxxxxxxxxxxxx}

Dear {Bill To Name}:

WorldCom Wireless is in the process of exiting the business of providing wireless communication services. As a result, WorldCom Wireless will not be able to provide wireless service to you following September 2, 2002. The decision to exit the wireless communications services business will not impact any other service that you currently receive from WorldCom, MCI or any of our other affiliates.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554, referencing the section 63.71 application of WorldCom Wireless. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

While you've been a WorldCom Wireless customer, your wireless service has been carried on the AT&T Wireless Network. If you are interested in keeping your existing wireless telephone number with AT&T Wireless, contact them directly at 1-800-589-4288. AT&T Wireless has established this special phone line for WorldCom Wireless customers, and they are standing by to help you get the dependable wireless service you need. But you must call 1-800-589-4288 now to ensure you have uninterrupted wireless service. Your application for service with AT&T Wireless will be subject to the credit, equipment and other requirements specified by AT&T Wireless.

Please be advised that you will continue to receive wireless services provided and billed by WorldCom Wireless through the earlier of (a) the date you request WorldCom Wireless to cancel your service, or (b) September 2, 2002. You may receive up to two additional invoices from WorldCom Wireless that will require prompt payment. Any questions or concerns you might have can be directed to WorldCom Wireless customer service by calling 1-800-254-8991.

All of us at WorldCom Wireless wish to thank you for your business.

Sincerely,

WorldCom Wireless
Customer Service

Attachment 2: New Handset Required

{Bill To Name}
{Attention}
{Billing Address}
{City} {State} {Zip}
{barcode}

Date
Account Number {xxxxxxxxxxxx}

Dear {Bill To Name}:

WorldCom Wireless is in the process of exiting the business of providing wireless communication services. As a result, WorldCom Wireless will not be able to provide wireless service to you following September 2, 2002. The decision to exit the wireless communications services business will not impact any other service that you currently receive from WorldCom, MCI or any of our other affiliates.

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More good news! AT&T Wireless has a very special wireless phone offer available for you. Get a Nokia 3360, a \$99 value, FREE, complete with overnight delivery and a Handsfree Headset all at no charge. Your new phone can arrive at your door tomorrow – activated and ready to use – to ensure uninterrupted service. Call AT&T Wireless today at 1-800-589-4288.

Please be advised that you will continue to receive wireless services provided and billed by WorldCom Wireless through the earlier of (a) your call to activate service with AT&T Wireless, or (b) September 2, 2002. You may receive up to two additional invoices from WorldCom Wireless that will require prompt payment. Any questions or concerns you might have can be directed to WorldCom Wireless customer service by calling 1-800-254-8991.

All of us at WorldCom Wireless wish to thank you for your business.

Sincerely,

WorldCom Wireless
Customer Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Barbara Nowlin, hereby certify that on this 29th day of July, 2002, copies of this SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION were sent by hand delivery to the following:

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